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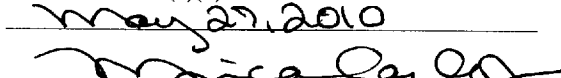
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final office action of November 27, 2009, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee to extend the due date from February 27, 2010 to May 27, 2010.

Also submitted herewith is a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL.

Applicants submits the following Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 does not raise new issues and presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, and

Remarks beginning on page 4 of this paper.